

Department: Department of Correction

Sponsor(s): Agenbroad, Cook

Division: Commission of Pardons and Parole

Program: Commission of Pardons and Parole

Description: Parole Hearing Minutes

1. Background:

The commission requests \$20,000 in onetime operating expenditures from the General Fund to pay for contracted minute-taking services at parole revocation hearings. Currently, the agency has 2.00 FTP and \$69,200 in its base appropriation to record meeting minutes at parole revocation hearings—a process that memorializes important information from the hearings such as victim and inmate statements as well as commissioner concerns. Recently, however, the commission has added additional hearing days to reduce the number of scheduled hearings per day. This, in turn, has caused workload and coverage issues for the staff currently performing these duties. The commission requests onetime funds to contract for minute-taking services in order to provide immediate relief to these staff. The commission expects to need the contracted services into FY 2022 and has requested reappropriation authority for any unused amounts from FY 2021.

2. FY 2021 Governor's Recommendation (Revised):

Fund	Type	OT	FTP	PC	OE	CO	TB	LS	Total
0345-00	Fed	✓	0.00	0	20,000	0	0	0	20,000
Total			0.00	0	20,000	0	0	0	20,000

3. Actions

a. Reopen FY 2021 Budget: Requires unanimous consent or 2/3 majority to reopen.

"I request unanimous consent to reopen the fiscal year 2021 budget for the Commission of Pardons and Parole." [not necessary if budget is already open]

b. Motion:

"I move for fiscal year 2021, for the Commission of Pardons and Parole, an increase of \$20,000 in onetime operating expenditures from the Federal COVID-19 Relief Fund, for the purpose of parole hearing minute-taking."

c. Discussion:

"This motion provides the agency with additional funding in the current year to pay for contracted minute-taking services at parole revocation hearings."